

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 26, 2006 Meeting

Attendees: Richard J. Valente (RJ), Edward J. Theberge (ET), Patricia Read (PR),

John DaSilva (JD), Eileen Collins (EC)

Absent: John Treat (JT), George Gemp (GG)

Location: Town Council Chambers Warren Town Hall

Valente: Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Valente: Welcomed Jen Vincent representing application of Jeffrey Dalton of Nat Porter Inn. Ms. Vincent presented photos of the Inn and explained where work will be performed. Clapboards and all exterior trim on the original building will be repaired and replaced when appropriate. All windows, trim and clapboards will be painted. Windows on the recent addition will be replaced and the addition painted. Although not included in the application the applicant also discussed the need to install gutters over the recent addition. A motion was made by (JD) and seconded by (PR) to approve the project for \$26,000 which would include all work as proposed except for windows on the addition which will be reviewed at the October meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. (RV) requested the

applicant to also submit the estimated \$26,000 project expense with a breakout of each expense category as a proposal from a contractor. Ms. Vincent was congratulated as being the first approved project under the expanded new ordinance which includes eligible commercial properties.

Valente: Asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 8/23/06 meeting. Motion made by (PR), seconded by (EC) and approved unanimously.

Valente: Reviewed the completed project bills for the painting of the property at 174 Water Street owned by Louise Ornstein. (RV) asked for a motion to approve this project completion for \$5,503.56. Motion made by (PR) and seconded by (EC) and passed unanimously. (EC) will ask Ms. Ornstein to submit any other project bills to be submitted to this committee at our October monthly meeting. (PR) asked that the Ornstein project be placed on the October meeting agenda.

DaSilva: Presented the monthly financial report and asked the committee to approve an annual website name registration for \$47.50 budgeted at \$40.00. Motion made by (ET), seconded by (EC) and passed unanimously.

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DaSilva: Presented a matrix report showing scheduled committee minutes that had no Minutes of Meeting filed. (RV) asked all members to review their files and submit any missing Meeting Minutes to the committee at the October meeting.

Valente: Spoke with the new town clerk assistant regarding the position of Secretary to this committee. She declined the invitation. (RV) requested all committee members to submit at least one name for the Secretary position at the October meeting.

Valente: Reviewed the response from the Town Manager and Town Solicitor regarding request to explain the email communications legislation.

Valente: Reviewed the memorandum from the Town Manager regarding the concern expressed by the Tax Assessor regarding the approval of projects when work was already completed thereby granting tax credits in arrears. (RV) spoke with the Town Manager regarding the letter and satisfied the Town Manager that the application approval in question (Jackie Williams) was due to the lack of secretarial support. The Town Manger was satisfied that the committee's action was appropriate. (JD) requested a copy of the letters be given to all Commit tee members. He also noted that other projects such as the Broad Street home and Janice Williams home

had been approved after work had been completed. (JD) feels that with the issuing of the letter by the solicitor and our own Committee's rules and regulations makes it clear that projects should not be approved retroactively.

Valente: Reviewed the memo prepared by (JT) requesting a consultant be hired by the Town and a new Committee formed to protect the short and long-term interests of the Town regarding the American Tourister and National Grid properties development. (RV) will contact the President of the Town Council to discuss the memo.

Valente: Asked if committee members were aware of the status of the application to Preserve Rhode Island commending the actions of this committee. (ET) noted that the Town Planner prepared the application and forwarded it to Preserve Rhode Island nominating the Town Council for the reward and highlighting the work performed by this committee.

Valente: Noted that he had spoken to the attorney for the Old Warren Marina property owners regarding their action to request a change to the historic deeds on their properties to eliminate this committee from the design review process, etc. Their attorney stated to the Chairman that the application to change the deeds scheduled for the Town Council's September meeting was cancelled. The attorney also recommended to his client to hire an architect to design any new construction buildings that would be submitted to this committee for

approval.

Valente: Requested a motion to adjourn which was made by (ET), seconded by (JD) and passed unanimously at 9:18 PM.

Respectively submitted:

Edward J. Theberge.